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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

forming a safety sign, including forming an EL lighting surface into a chosen pattern;

attaching the safety sign to one or more vehicles; and

driving at least two of the vehicles in a formation on the road wherein the safety signs are

visible to provide guidance for the vehicles.

2. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

forming a safety sign, including:

selecting a pattern to convey a visual safety message;

attaching the pattern to an EL lighting surface;

attaching the safety sign to one or more vehicles; and

driving at least two of the vehicles in a formation on a road wherein the safety signs are

visible to provide guidance for the vehicles.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the vehicles include snow plows.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein selecting a pattern to convey a visual safety

message includes selecting a text message.

(Original) The method of claim 2, wherein attaching the pattern to an EL lighting surface 5.

includes attaching the pattern to an EL lighting surface with a yellow color when the EL lighting

surface is illuminated.

(Original) The method of claim 2, wherein attaching the pattern to an EL lighting surface 6.

includes attaching the pattern to a substantially flat EL lighting surface dimensioned to comply

with safety sign regulations.

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- 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein attaching the pattern to an EL lighting surface includes attaching the pattern to a substantially flat EL lighting surface of approximate rectangular dimensions of 72 inches wide and 8.5 inches tall.
- 8. (Original) A method, comprising:

forming one or more safety signs wherein each safety sign, includes:

selecting a pattern to convey a visual safety message;

attaching the pattern to an EL lighting surface;

attaching the safety sign to a transportation vehicle carrying an oversized load; and driving the vehicle on a road wherein the safety sign is visible to provide warning of the oversized load.

- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the safety sign is attached to the front of the transportation vehicle.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the safety sign is attached to the rear of the transportation vehicle.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein at least one safety sign is attached to at least one mud guard.
- 12. (Cancelled)
- 13. (Cancelled)
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- 17. (Cancelled)
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- 19. (Cancelled)
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- 21. (Cancelled)
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